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2011 was another record year for JBO. The number of manuscript submissions reached nearly 750. The impact factor leaped to 3.188, with the 5-year combined impact factor at 3.659. The publication frequency changed to monthly starting in January. The manuscript review cycles have been shortened considerably without sacrificing quality of review. JBO is deeply indebted to the authors, reviewers, and editorial board members for their contributions to such marvelous achievements.

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1. Pioneers in Biomedical Optics: Michael Feld (January 2011) Guest editors: Ramachandra Dasari, Rebecca Richards-Kortum, and Andrew Berger^{1,2}
2. Coherent Raman Imaging Techniques and Biomedical Applications (February 2011) Guest editors: Eric O. Potma, Ji-Xin Cheng, and X. Sunney Xie³
3. Photonics and Nanotechnology in Biophysics and Biomedical Research (May 2011) Guest editors: Bahman Anvari, Raoul Kopelman, and Luke P. Lee⁴
4. Hard-Tissue Optics and Related Methods (July 2011) Guest editors: Daniel Fried, Andreas Mandelis, and Michael Morris⁵

I appreciate the following authors' contributions of insightful review articles, which have been granted online open access by SPIE immediately upon publication:

1. P. Shumyatsky, and R. R. Alfano, "Terahertz sources."⁶
2. C. R. Sun, B. Standish, and V. X. D. Yang, "Optical coherence elastography: current status and future applications."⁷
3. J. Wu, and M. Gu, "Microfluidic sensing: state of the art fabrication and detection techniques."⁸
4. E. Sobol, A. Shekhter, A. Guller, O. Baum, and A. Baskov, "Laser-induced regeneration of cartilage."⁹

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The following authors are to be congratulated on earning the top 10 most cited papers among the JBO papers published in 2010, as of this writing (according to citations in

the Web of Science).¹²⁻²¹ Top 10 papers published in 2011 will be calculated next year.

1. D. A. Boas and A. K. Dunn, "Laser speckle contrast imaging in biomedical optics"
2. S. Hu and L. V. Wang, "Photoacoustic imaging and characterization of the microvasculature"
3. Y. A. Zhang, J. Yu, D. J. S. Birch and Y. Chen, "Gold nanorods for fluorescence lifetime imaging in biology"
4. Z. W. Huang, M. S. Bergholt, W. Zheng, K. Lin, K. Y. Ho, M. Teh and K. G. Yeoh, "In vivo early diagnosis of gastric dysplasia using narrow-band image-guided Raman endoscopy"
5. D. M. de Bruin, R. H. Bremmer, V. M. Kodach, R. de Kinkelder, J. van Marle, T. G. van Leeuwen and D. J. Faber, "Optical phantoms of varying geometry based on thin building blocks with controlled optical properties"
6. S. Belanger, M. Abran, X. Intes, C. Casanova and F. Lesage, "Real-time diffuse optical tomography based on structured illumination"
7. A. Liemert and A. Kienle, "Light diffusion in N-layered turbid media: frequency and time domains"
8. C. H. Li, A. Aguirre, J. Gamelin, A. Maurudis, Q. Zhu and L. V. Wang, "Real-time photoacoustic tomography of cortical hemodynamics in small animals"
9. A. Mazhar, D. J. Cuccia, S. Gioux, A. J. Durkin, J. V. Frangioni and B. J. Tromberg, "Structured illumination enhances resolution and contrast in thick tissue fluorescence imaging"
10. N. T. Shaked, J. D. Finan, F. Guilak and A. Wax, "Quantitative phase microscopy of articular chondrocyte dynamics by wide-field digital interferometry"

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are encouraged to take advantage of this generous offer from SPIE. If JBO Letters were considered separately, the impact factor would be 3.816 (excluding citations by proceedings), which is higher than those of most peer-reviewed journals.

As always, I welcome any suggestions for improving JBO and look forward to working with you.

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